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## *The Convalescent Home* of THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The purpose of the Home is to give necessary convalescent care to children when acute illness is over and home conditions are inadequate. Patients who are able, pay a nominal sum, but two-thirds are treated free.

*The Home is a separate organization, receives no financial assistance from the Children's Hospital, and is a member of the Community Federation of Boston.*

The Home will have its Visitors' Day, held in conjunction with the 70th anniversary of the Children's Hospital of Boston, at the time of year when the grounds are most attractive. You are cordially invited to attend.

### OPEN HOUSE

Friday, June 9, 1939, 10 to 5 o'clock  
Forest Street, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Annual Report

1938

## *History of the Home*

The Ladies' Aid Association, established in 1869 to help the newly opened Children's Hospital in Boston, was the beginning of the present Convalescent Home in Wellesley Hills. In 1875 the first Home was opened in Wellesley Village to provide convalescent care for 15 children during the summer months. Since then the Managers of the Home have provided and financed the care of patients, entirely independent of the Hospital.

In 1892, 34 acres were deeded to the Corporation and a building containing 50 beds was built on the land in Wellesley Hills. The Home was now open throughout the year. Destroyed by fire in 1903, it was rebuilt two years later and facilities were included for open air treatment.

Weld Ward, especially designed for outdoor and intensive sun treatment, replaced the old wooden buildings in 1926. About two years ago there was a marked change in the type of patient referred to the Home, namely children with rheumatic heart disease. It was necessary to remodel Weld Ward in order to accomodate 30 patients of this type. At present the Home is very much handicapped by lack of a proper infants' ward, the old one having been condemned.

*It is the hope of all those interested in the Home that in the near future money may be raised for an infants' ward.*



## *Report of the Superintendent*

— 1938 —

To give our 553 children who came to us during this year of 1938, adequate convalescent care, to keep them busy, happy, and contented, and to guide them back to a certain degree of health so that continued progress may be expected after they return to their homes, has meant the cooperation of every adult person connected with the Home.

It is fitting that mention should be made of the constant care and vigilance of those who have the burden of providing the maintenance for this undertaking; the deep interest of both the visiting and resident medical staff; the constant and sympathetic care of the nursery maids; the social worker with her valuable and helpful information regarding home environment and planning for adequate supervision on patient's discharge; the school teachers who bring classes to the bedside of many of the children; the occupational therapy worker and her assistants with their encouragement and helpfulness; the dietitian with her careful planning of food, the kitchen workers who learn the importance of careful and clean handling of food, the chauffeur who accepts the responsibility of conveying the children from Hospital to Home — all are a part of the whole fabric which goes to make up the care of the child during the stage of convalescence.

An endeavor was made last spring to rearrange the school classes so as to give more time to the children most in need of this service, and arrangements were made for two teachers on a full-time basis, which has proved most satisfactory.

It is difficult to express in words the really unique position the members of the Junior Service League of Wellesley have in connection with the Home. Their interest is unending. They give not only a generous donation of money towards the occupational work, but they also give of their services in keeping the children interested, busy, and happy for one hour a day and in preparation of different projects for the children to do. They provide the wool and knit all the sweaters used by the children, maintain a library of carefully chosen books and assume all responsibility of distribution of the books, working closely with

the school teachers to fit the right type of book to the child, and they are ever ready to respond to any emergency.

The physical therapy worker has had fewer cases of infantile paralysis this year, but has given many treatments to a variety of cases, such as bad burns with healed scar tissue needing careful stretching, children with spastic paralysis and other types of paralysis and post operative cases of congenital dislocation of the hips. She has also been giving special posture and breathing exercises to our asthma patients.

During the year the children have enjoyed a number of entertainments arranged and brought to them by interested friends, and particularly at the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, people were most generous. This year, because of contagion which closed one of our wards, we were unable to have the Christmas party provided and arranged for Christmas Day by the Needham Post of the American Legion which has become a real "Institution" for the past sixteen years.

In closing may I express my thanks and appreciation to the Board of Managers for their constant aid and valuable advice. Grateful acknowledgment is made to kind friends who have given so much of their valuable time to assist in the happiness of the children and in aiding the welfare of the Home.



## *Report on Nursery Maids Training Course*

The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital offers a course of one year to young women between the ages of 20 and 30 who wish to become trained nursery maids. Students are admitted in March, April, September, and November. The course requires girls who are intelligent, reliable, and fond of children. They must be high school graduates, and they must undergo a complete physical examination both on entering and again on graduation.

The principal aim of this course is primarily to provide the children in the Home with the best possible care — these children range in age from infancy up to twelve years. Special attention is given to the care and feeding of infants, but the students are given an opportunity to observe the school work and occupational therapy in the Home, and to learn something of the entertainment and management of the older children. The students are given a short course on the psychology of the child, and are taught simple cooking and plain sewing. Students must satisfactorily pass all examinations at the completion of the course, after which they are given a certificate of graduation, and an effort is made to place them in a private family or institution. For the first six months after graduation, they are carefully supervised, and, if their work and conduct are completely satisfactory, they are given a diploma.

During the year 1938, thirty-two students enrolled for the Nursery Maids course. This year we have been able to make a most discriminating choice of students due to the greatly increased number of girls applying.

The Registry received 281 calls during the year; 58 nursery maids were placed in positions on a permanent basis, and 99 placements were temporary. There is no regulation fee for the placement of these nursery maids, but small donations are most helpful towards maintaining the course.

Owing to the careful supervision and wise guidance of Miss Guillod, our Superintendent, our graduates are in constant demand and we get more calls for nursery maids than we are able to fill. We are trying to prepare them during our course for the new homes they will be going to with changing conditions kept always in mind.

*ALICE H. MUMFORD, Chairman, Nursery Maids Committee.*

## *Report of the Visiting Physician*

During the past year the improved laboratory service made possible by the part-time services of a technician has been a great help in guiding the convalescence of many of our patients. I feel that this service must, in some way, be maintained.

It has also been very helpful to the Medical Staff of the Home to have members of the Children's Hospital Staff come out on rounds and give us the benefit of their knowledge and experience. These visits have been especially valuable in deciding upon methods of treating long standing cases and their eventual disposition. We hope this closer contact can be maintained and augmented.

The relative freedom from infectious diseases, which we experienced in 1938, was due both to good fortune and to good nursing care. A mild epidemic of bacillary dysentery was of short duration and caused but little disturbance in the usual routine. The respiratory diseases, as usual, gave us more concern than any other group.

For many of our patients convalescent care must not cease when they are discharged. Supervision of these cases in the home and follow-up in the institutions originally referring them, should be a part of our program if we do the right thing by our patients. Our social worker, cooperating with other agencies, is rendering valuable help in this respect.

HENRY E. GALLUP, M.D., Visiting Physician.

## *Sources of Admission*

1938

Agency or Hospital	Number of Patients
<b>BOSTON</b>	
The Children's Hospital	279
Infants' Hospital	8
New England Hospital for Women and Children	13
Boston Dispensary	8
Boston Floating Hospital	18
Massachusetts General Hospital	20
Massachusetts Memorial Hospital	1
Boston City Hospital	47
<b>OTHER CITIES</b>	
Avon Home, Cambridge	12
Cambridge Hospital	13
Cambridge City Hospital	15
Harvard Infantile Paralysis Commission	1
Lexington Public Health Association	1
Milton Hospital	1
Newton Hospital	14
Pittsfield Hospital	1
Quincy City Hospital	5
Salem Hospital	1
Salem Babes' Hospital	1
Somerville Hospital	1
Wellesley Friendly Aid	1
Private doctors	12



## Resignation

*Songs to lift their spirits*

The Board of Managers of the Convalescent Home regrets to announce the resignation of Mrs. Stephen M. Weld, who has served faithfully on the Board since 1920.

The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1938

ASSETS

CASH IN BANKS:

Treasurer .....	\$18,302.75	
Assistant Treasurer .....	1,502.91	
		<u>\$19,805.66</u>

Accrued interest paid on bonds purchased ..... 219.50

GENERAL INVESTMENTS:

Securities (market value \$417,000) ..... 481,187.91

CHARLES TIDD BAKER FUND ASSETS:

Securities (market value \$13,400) ....	20,653.88	
Uninvested cash .....	879.32	
Accrued int. paid on bonds purchased	11.38	21,544.58

Land, buildings and equipment .....	268,415.52	
Prepaid insurance .....	1,615.39	

792,788.56

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable .....	\$1,940.40	
Donation for special purpose - unexpended .....	150.00	

ENDOWMENT AND GENERAL FUNDS:

General Fund ..... \$228,741.24

Endowment funds:

Charles Tidd Baker Fund \$21,544.58		
Others ..... 271,996.82	293,541.40	522,282.64

Building and Equipment Fund .....	268,415.52	
		<u><u>\$792,788.56</u></u>

Board of Managers,  
The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital,  
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

We have made an examination of the balance sheet of The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital as at December 31, 1938, and of the statement of income and expense for the year ended on that date. In connection therewith we examined or tested the accounting records of the Home and other supporting evidence, and obtained information and explanations from officers and employees; we also made a review of the accounting methods and of the operating and income accounts, but we did not make a detailed audit of the transactions.

In accordance with the previous practice of the Home no provision has been made for depreciation of buildings and equipment.

In our opinion, based upon our examination, the accompanying balance sheet and related statement of income and expense fairly present, in accordance with accepted principles of accounting consistently maintained by the Home during the year under review, its position at December 31, 1938 and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

Boston, Massachusetts  
February 3, 1939

The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the Year Ended December 31, 1938

**INCOME:**

Collections from patients .....	\$6,710.47
Nursemaid fees .....	1,103.00
Ambulance .....	786.00
Subscriptions:	
General .....	\$935.00
Benefit performance of the Skating Club of Boston .....	500.00
Dean Foundation for Care of Children	540.00
Wellesley College Service Fund .....	100.00
The Junior Service League of Wellesley	350.00
Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund .....	1,002.12
Community Federation of Boston .....	<u>31,870.45</u>
Income from investments .....	21,433.31
Miscellaneous .....	41.41
Total income .....	<u>65,371.76</u>

**EXPENSES:**

Administrative .....	4,650.24
Dietary department:	
Food .....	15,833.78
Other expenses .....	3,502.92
Housekeeping department:	
Clothing and linen .....	1,934.23
Other expenses .....	6,314.92
Laundry .....	3,435.72
Heat, light, power and water .....	10,469.77
Maintenance and repair .....	8,740.54
Motor service (including cost of new truck, \$881.20) .....	2,972.41
Medical and surgical service .....	5,549.37
Nursing service and education .....	11,147.37
Social service .....	1,500.00
State Street Trust Company agency fee	426.56
Publicity .....	995.90
Auditing .....	200.00
Insurance .....	1,782.32
Treasurer's office expense .....	501.80
Miscellaneous .....	130.35
Total expenses .....	<u>80,088.20</u>
Deficit for year .....	<u>\$14,716.44</u>

The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital

GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 1938

Balance January 1, 1938 .....	\$233,550.55
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ADDITIONS:

Estate of Jenny Milliken Alden, partial distribution .....	\$9,912.37
Estate of Agnes M. Lindsay .....	2,000.00
Estate of Robert L. Studley .....	1,000.00
Estate of John C. Hatch .....	121.64
Received from sale of Needham real estate less expenses .....	1,514.50
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	14,548.51
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	248,099.06

DEDUCTIONS:

Unapportioned net loss from sale of general investments for the three years ended December 31, 1938 .....	4,641.38
Deficit for the year ended Dec. 31, 1938 .....	14,716.44
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BALANCE — December 31, 1938 .....	19,357.82
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BALANCE — December 31, 1938 .....	\$228,741.24
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CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1938

BALANCE January 1, 1938 .....	\$293,054.07
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ADDITIONS:

Charles Tidd Baker Fund:	
One-half income added to principal ....	\$397.43
Net profit on sale of securities .....	89.90
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Net profit on sale of securities .....	487.33

BALANCE December 31, 1938 .....	\$293,541.40
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The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital  
ENDOWMENT FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1938

Ann Blake Shaw .....	\$96,956.56
Amy Peabody .....	50,000.00
Harriet Otis Craft .....	20,000.00
Charles Tidd Baker .....	21,544.58
Adele Thayer .....	15,540.26
Henry Clay Jackson .....	20,000.00
Katherine E. Silsbee .....	10,000.00
Cornelia A. G. Winthrop .....	10,000.00
Robert Charles Billings .....	7,500.00
Costello C. Converse .....	5,000.00
Waldo E. Pratt .....	5,000.00
Henry Saltonstall .....	2,500.00
Ellen M. Gifford .....	2,000.00
Andrew C. Slater .....	2,000.00
Mrs. F. Gordon Dexter .....	1,000.00
Memorial Bed Fund .....	24,500.00
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	\$293,541.40

*Active Staff*

Henry E. Gallup, M.D. Visiting Physician	Frederic A. Stanwood, M.D. Physician for Nurserymaids
John Piters, M.D. Resident Physician	Stanley Bent Virkler, D.M.D. Dentist

*Consulting Staff*

Kenneth D. Blackfan, M.D. Medical	Frank R. Ober, M.D. Orthopedic
William E. Ladd, M.D. Surgical	Lyman G. Richards Otolaryngologist

*Nursing Staff*

SARAH VICKERY, R.N. Teaching Supervisor	Elizabeth McCreary Occupational Therapist
Dorothy Hancock, R.N. General Supervisor	Dorothea Gallagher Schoolteacher
Elinor M. Blood, R.N. General Supervisor	Rita Doran Schoolteacher
Dora Jordan, R.N. General Supervisor	Alice F. Farley Physical-Therapy Technician
Sarah Drake, R.N. Night Supervisor	Clare Moylan Dietitian-Housekeeper
Evelyn G. Karp, A.B., M.S. Social Service	



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